1953

TOMAHAWK

Dear Cathy,

It seems like a short time ago that I was out at school. But I've enjoyed every bit of it including the music department. For that reason I'm sorry I missed the business and will not be a success in show business. You've always helped me have been impossible. You've always helped me the courage to go ahead and now I'm on my own, but don't be surprised if I should ever come back to see you for more help. I wouldn't laugh because it's true. I supposed there'll be a lot of friendship you've always regarded me as a nut. I had the most fun on the variety show. I wish we could do it again. Also the time and something to say but I want to wish you luck in the future with band and Glee Club.

Sincerely
Don Claybaugh

I'm running out of time and something to say but I want to wish you the best of luck in the future with band and Glee Club. Also the for being so swell to me.

Don Claybaugh

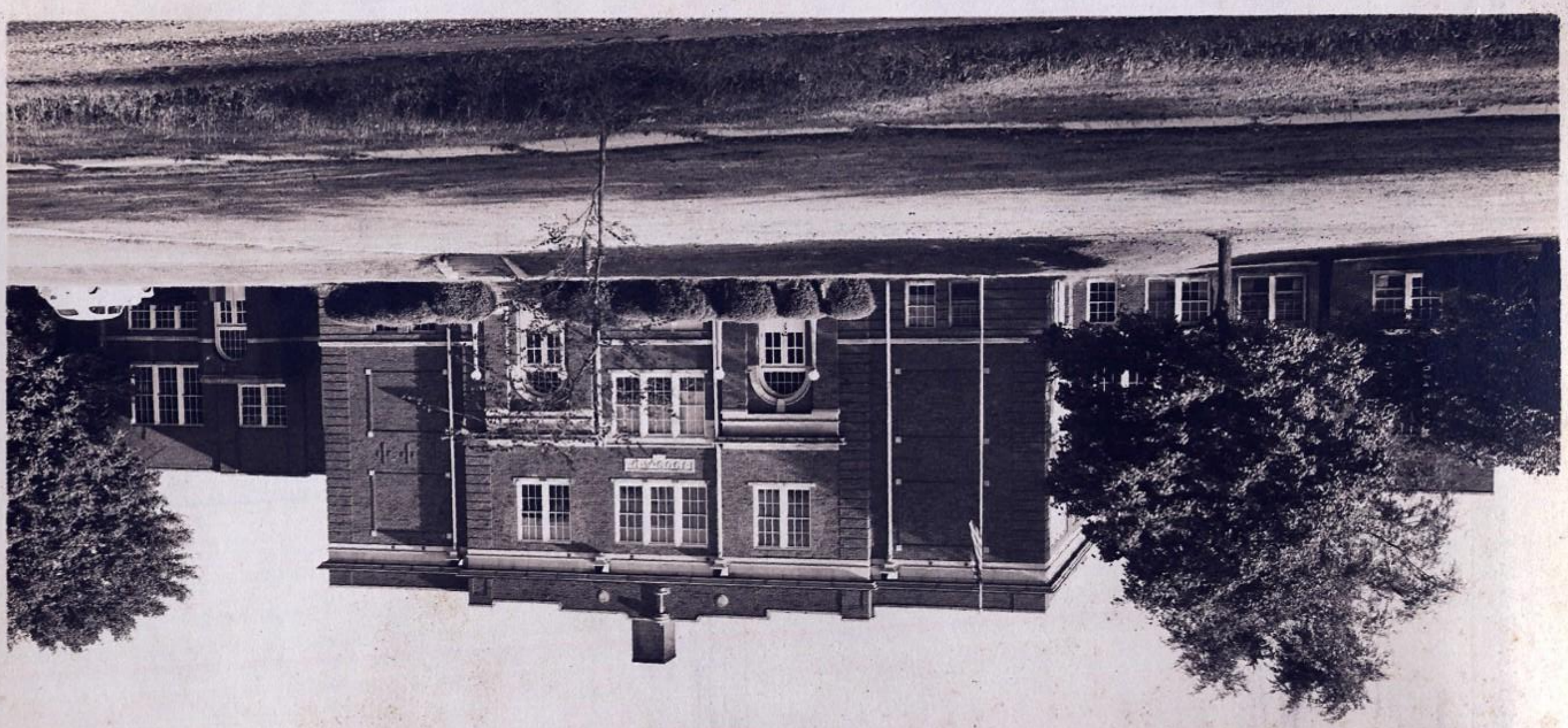
P S I want to accept the invitation for next years variety Show.

Dear Cathy,
It's sure been swell being in Band, & Chrus & so forth these past four years. There was a lot of work but fun came with it. Thanks for everything Cathy.
Stan.

TOMAHAWK

EDITED BY THE CLASS OF 1953, NEOGA HIGH SCHOOL

We, the Class of '53, wish to dedicate this book to Mrs. Holladay, in recognition of her fine work in the Neoga Music department.



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Iowa State College
M. S.—Education

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Junior High Arithmetic
Indiana State Teachers College
B. S.—Commerce, Physical Education
University of Illinois
M. S.—Education
Superintendent of Transportation

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Music
James Milikin University
University of Illinois
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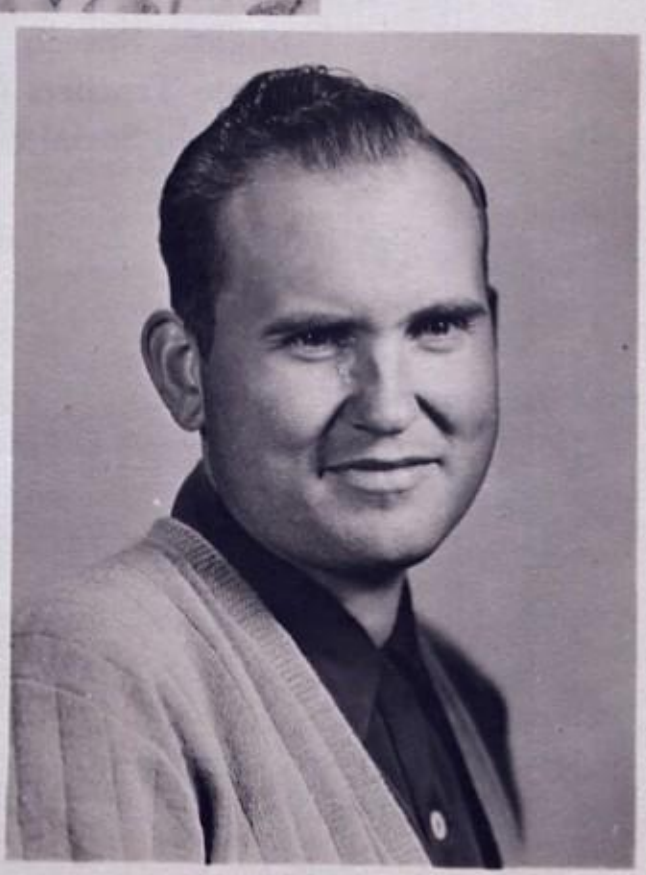

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Tomahawk

This year's annual is the result of a lot of pen-pushing, shutter-clicking, and copy-writing on the part of the annual staff and of other students and teachers who volunteered their help. In behalf of the annual staff, I would like to give my sincere thanks to all those persons who so willingly contributed pictures, write-ups, copy, and advice.

The staff for this year was, left to right: Bob Swengel, business manager; Stan Albin, assistant editor; Bob McKibben, advertising manager; Marian Oakley, junior editor; Sandy Adkins, editor and Violet Schoby, art editor.

LOWER PICTURE:

Making and putting together a school annual represents a lot of work. It is something that could never be done without the help of all those persons behind the scenes, those "unsung heroes," the reporters, the typists, photographers, and the faculty members who lend their help in so many ways. These are the people who bring so many pleasant memories to you when many years have passed since your high school days.

Back Row: Regis McClory, Bob Heaton, Norman Anderson, Don Mehl, John Knox, Chuck Schutte, Don Beals, Larry Sanders, Bill Thompson, Delbert Bell, Jimmy Knox, Neil Nichols.

Second Row: Clarice Goad, Pat Wright, Elizabeth Gammill, Jeanie Walk, Barbara Stewart, Judy Swengel, Eloise Adkins, Jean Gilbert, Lavonna True, Phyllis Oakley, Jo Meyers, Sherry White, Betty Floyd, Ruth Burton, Marilyn Lawrence, Carol Evans, Anita Jones, Mr. Leming.

Front Row: Mrs. Bell, Lylah Schutte, Nancy Cann, Stan Albin, Sandy Adkins, Violet Schoby, Marian Oakley, Bob Swengel, Bob McKibben, Mr. Curl.

Staff

BUS DRIVERS

There are eleven bus drivers and one substitute driver. Each bus driver has a week off every eleven weeks and this makes the substitute driver have a bus to drive nearly every week.

The regular bus drivers are: Willis Fort, Walter Odle, Lowal Ragon, Erson Lacy, Elliott Reiman, L. K. Voris, Ellsworth Palmer, Lyle Lock, Dallas Gilbert, Robin Ledbetter, Ralph White, and the stubstitute driver is James Toops.

COOKS

This year there are two cooks in the Neoga High School and Junior High. They are Mrs. Olive Stewart and Mrs. Agnes Meyers. The substitute cook is Mrs. Dorothy Hopper.

JANITOR

The janitor for this year is William Steger with Walter Odle as substitute.

SECRETARY

Our very capable secretary for the year was Gertrude Greeson, who hears everyone's troubles, gives good advice, and never looks perturbed. She is a graduate of Eastern Illinois State Junior College and of Sparks Business College, where she took a secretarial course.

Hats Off to Our Board of Education

One of the greatest honors and privileges a citizen of a community can have is to be elected to serve on the Board of Education. It is a job which offers nothing but long hours of work, a lot of criticism, and the satisfaction of knowing that he has had a part in handling the investments in the future of our community and nation, our children. To be a good board member one must be very calm, a good listener, to place the interest of the majority of the people and pupils in the unit ahead of the interest of a few and to be firm in all issues which will affect the unit as a whole, a great interest in the education of the people.

The men who made up our Board have displayed these qualities during the past two years in working out the plan for the building improvements of the unit.

Rex Haskett, whose term expires in April, has served on the school's board three years. The last term he was president. To Robert Woolery secretary, and to the other members, Clayton Doll, Carl Wilson, Charles Marshall, Glenn Albin, and Nathan Stewart, we extend our thanks for a job well done. In order that there will be a good record of the past year for the future, we offer the following record:

1. May—Board voted for new building and remodeling of old gym.
2. June—Paint inside and out of Trowbridge center.
3. August—Paint inside of Etna center.
4. August—Rebuilding of Junior High School rooms.
5. September—New gym started.
6. September—New heating plants in Etna center.
7. September—New stoker in old furnace—heat.
8. January—Fire escapes in Junior High room.
9. March—Rooms painted.
10. April—New gym completed.
11. May—Remodeling of old gym completed.
12. May—Fire escapes completed.
13. May—Open House.

We, the staff, wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the student body, to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Education for the great accomplishment of the year. We have only one regret, we will not be here to take advantage of the new building and the remodeling of the old one. We are sure that there must have been times when you, as Board members wished that you could forget about some of the problems which have had to be solved. We also realize that your great interest in our school and its improvements has kept you on many long hours with a determination to see the program completed regardless of praise and criticism.

Student Council

The Student Council has been active for only two years but it has made considerable progress in those two years. The purposes of the Student Council are to promote understanding and cooperation between the students and the faculty and to represent the student body in matters concerning student activities. The council's main "claim to fame" this year was the planning and supervision of the two and a half "mad days" in March that were appropriately designated as Work Days. During these days the whole school helped with Spring cleaning, painting rooms and refinishing desks. Several of the Student Council's activities this year have aroused the interest of other schools in this area.

First Row: Jim Haskett, Jessie Green, vice-president; Bob Swengel, president; Marilyn Lawrence, secretary-treasurer; Mary Jane Keck.

Second Row: Patsy Overmyer, John Schutte, Bob Ludwig, Mr. Curl.

The Voice of the Principal

The Class of 1951 had the courage to take pictures of and to discuss several problems which they thought were very pertinent to the welfare of a good school community. At that time it was doubtful as to when the answers would be achieved. The Class of 1953 can just about give the correct answers to all of these questions because in the spring of 1952 the citizens of the community voted a $225,000 bond issue to be used in improving the physical facilities of the school so that today the question discussed in the 1951 Tomahawk can be answered.

In 1951 and on through this year we have had to use the lower hall as a cafeteria and recreation room. In a short period of time we will be eating in a new, well lighted, and ventilated community room located on the second floor over the old gym.

In 1951 the road around the building was too bad to travel. At the present time a nice parking lot is being constructed in front of the new physical education building which will do away with the road going around the building.

In 1951 the old study hall had been made into two large rooms and one small one. The large ones were combinations of study hall and class room. In 1953 this area has been made into four Junior High class rooms with a library between the two grades. The high school study hall will soon be in the new community room.

In 1951 there was little equipment in the science department. In 1953 much new equipment has been added including five microscopes.

In 1951 the old curtains to the stage were in a frightful condition. The classes of '52, '53, '54, '55, and '56 went together and bought a new curtain which was used in 1952 and will be used in the new stage in the physical education building.

The new study hall will be the community room next to the library which has been moved and will be enlarged. In 1953 about 120 new books were added to the high school library.

In 1951 the locker rooms were very crowded and dirty as they have been during most of 1953 but the new locker rooms are now in operation and that situation is cleared up.

The Vocational Ag. department is now housed in a beautiful new room, with an office, laboratory, wash room and farm shop. Nothing like what was used in 1951.

In the new building plan a room is set aside for the use of the Tomahawk, the Messenger and the Student Council.

The competition between the music and science departments will soon be over. The music department is now located at the south end of the community room with sound proof practice rooms. This will be a blessing for the science department which will have its lecture room back.

The faculty will have a new room for relaxation, provided they have the time.

The new, beautiful physical education building is large enough to enable two P. E. classes to be conducted at the same time, and during the basketball season to seat about 1,100 persons.

It seems like a long time and yet very few of the persons who helped write the material in 1951 thought that the changes they were suggesting would be completed by 1953.

Where there is a will there is a way, and progress will not be stopped, delayed at times, but not stopped. We are anxious to see the changes that will take place in the next few years.

SENIORS

Class of 1953

Senior Class Will

To the teachers of Neoga High School the members of the Senior Class wish to leave the followings things:

To Mr. Curl: A completely private office.

To Mrs. Greeson: A typewriter to use in the office.

To Mr. Reiman: A carload of Centigrade thermometers to replace those broken by the physics class the past year.

To Mr. Ledbetter: A new bus that doesn't rattle.

To Mr. Clark: An agreeable shorthand class.

To Mr. Leming: An Ag. room free of water, smoke, cold air, rats, and all unpleasant odors with which he has had to endure the past year.

To Miss Neal: More reliable librarians.

To Mrs. Bell: A Family-Living class that does not crack jokes.

To Mr. White: A sound-proof room for 8th period study hall.

To Mrs. Holladay: Perfumed moth balls to put into the band uniforms.

To Mr. Voris: A new group of boys to take the place of those leaving the team this year.

To Mrs. Grubb: A chart listing all excuses for not taking Phys. Ed.

To Mr. Grubb: A health book that has scientifically labeled pictures of the muscles and different parts of the body.

To Mr. Palmer: A speech class that won't give him ulcers or at least some lye soap to clean the ones he got this year.

To Mrs. McKinney: A quieter 7th grade.

To Mr. Chappelear: A loud speaker so everyone can hear his timid voice.

To Mrs. Dresback: A smaller car so she won't have trouble banging fenders any more.

To Bill Steger: A dependable assistant janitor.

The individuals of the Class of '53 wish to leave some of their best loved possessions to their friends:

To the Cooks: An automatic dishwasher.

I, Eloise Adkins, leave my magnificent stature to Judy Swengel.

I, Don Mehl, leave my good nick-name to anyone who wants it.

I, John Knox, leave my job as scorekeeper to Duane Warner.

I, Dorthy Lane, will my luck to anyone who needs it.

I, Bill Thompson, will my engineering boots to Miss Neal.

I, Don Beals, will my history book to my two sisters.

I, Larry Sanders, will my position as captain of the team to Rex Lindley.

I, Jeanie Walk, will my position as secretary-treasurer of the Senior Class to Lylah Schutte.

I, Stanley Albin, will by Homecoming crown to Rex Lindley.

I, Norman Anderon, will my tonsils to Mr. Voris.

I, Bob Heaton, will my ability to take thermometers out of corks to Mr. Reiman.

I, Betty Floyd, will my position as Miss FHA to Neva Bray.

I, Neil Nichols, will my build to Robert Konrad.

I, Tony Sheehan, will the wave in my hair to anyone who needs one.

I, Sherry White, will my cheerleading suit to Anne Price.

I, Violet Schoby, will my ability to get Mr. Clark to hate me to Louise Stephens.

I, Pat Wright, will my position as Mr. Leming's secretary to my nephew, Rex.

I, Marilyn Lawrence, will my curly hair to Norita Lacy.

I, Jean Gilbert, will my friendship in the lunch room to Delores Floyd.

I, Carol Evans, will my diamond ring to any lucky person.

I, Barb Stewart, will my athletic ability to Marie Cooper.

I, Jo Meyers, will my Homecoming crown to Marian Oakley.

I, Lavonna True, will my good figure to Anne Price.

Senior Class History

In September, 1949, fifty-two green Freshies entered Neoga High School. We now have thirty-six, although all of them are not the same students that entered. Among the ones we have lost are: Bill Andres, David Badertscher, Neta Brown, Ruth Flood, Josie Hatten, Margaret Bueker, Berdina Clinton, Betty Dent, Mary DeLong, Marilyn Horn, Doris Karch, Bob Mesnard, Nancy Russell, Marilyn Scott, Alice Wente, Karl Wente, and Norma White. The ones we have gained are: James Knox, John Knox, and Bill Thompson.

The business of this senior year has been efficiently guided by Stanley Albin, president; Pat Wright, vice-president; Jeanie Walk, secretary-treasurer; Betty Floyd, reporter; Larry Sanders, parliamentarian. Mrs. Bell and Mr. Leming were our faculty sponsors.

We have had many memorable activities in the past four years, the highlights being the Prom and the '52 Homecoming. The theme of the Prom was "Wishin'," while at the Homecoming we danced to "Silver Bells."

The Homecoming King and Queen were Stanley Albin and Jo Meyers. The attendants were Betty Floyd and Bob McKibben, first; Sandra Adkins and Bob Swengel, second; Barbara Stewart and Don Claybaugh, third; and Eloise Adkins and Norman Anderson, fourth.

As Juniors we presented the mystery-comedy, "THE STRANGER IN THE NIGHT." As Seniors we gave "OUTWARD BOUND."

The financing of the Tomahawk has been accomplished by selling advertisements, the Senior class play, the Homecoming dance, magazine sales, an outdoor carnival, and a variety show.

The Senior Class realizes that the experience gained in their four years at N. H. S., both social and educational, will aid them in the pursuit of their respective careers.

Senior Class Will . . . Continued

I, Blanche White, will my typing ability to Kay Wampler.

I, Bob Swengel, will my second period S. H. to Mr. Clark.

I, Don Claybaugh, will my pictures and my love for my baby, Marilyn Monroe, to "Sniffer" Albin.

I, Bob McKibben, will my "V-2 Chibbie" to George White.

I, Clarice Goad, will my blushing moments to Martha Kraft.

I, Delbert Bell, will my hat to Mr. Grubb.

I, Sandy Adkins, will my quiet ways to Janet Edwards.

I, Ruth Burton, will my bookkeeping book to anyone who wants it.

I, Liz Gammill, will my clear complexion to Gail Fleming.

I, Anita Jones, will my life in Florida to some other unlucky person.

I, Jim Knox, will my hot rod, what's left of it anyway, to Pud Saunders.

GLEN STANLEY ALBIN
"Stan"

"He will be well remembered for the services of Senior Class president he rendered."

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
"N" Club	2-3-4
"N" Club Officer	3-4
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Track	1-2-3
Baseball	4
Chorus	2-3-4
Harmonic Dozen	4
Band	3-4
F.F.A.	1-2-3
F.F.A. Officer	3
Messenger	4
Editorial Manager	4
Tomahawk	4
Tomahawk Asst. Ed.	4
Class Play	3
Homecoming Court	4
Carnival Court	2
F.H.A.-F.F.A. Court	3
Class Officer	4

JEANIE WALK
"Neen"

Fond of sports, and good as well, she's one swell girl."

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
F.H.A.	1-2-3-4
F.H.A. Officer	4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
Messenger	4
Tomahawk	4
Class Officer	4

PATRICIA ANN WRIGHT
"Pot"

Fun and laughter, joy and cheer, four good reasons why she's here.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Pep Club Officer	4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Harmonic Dozen	4
Spanish Club	1-2-3-4
Spanish Club Officer	4
Library Club	2-3-4
Library Club Officer	4
G.A.A.	4
Messenger	4
Mechanical Staff	4
Tomahawk	4
Class Officer	4

BETTY JEAN FLOYD
"Bet"

If kindness were gold she'd be a millionaire.

Pep Club	4
Pep Club Officer	4
Band	1-2-3-4
F.H.A.	1-2-3-4
Library Club	2-3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
G.A.A. Officer	4
Messenger	1-3-4
Tomahawk	4
Class Play	3
Homecoming Court	4
F.H.A.-F.F.A. Court	4
Class Officer	4

Stanley Albin
PRESIDENT

Pat Wright
VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Leming
SPONSOR

Mrs. Bell
SPONSOR

Jeanie Walk
SECRETARY-TREAS.

Betty Floyd
REPORTER

ELOISE ADKINS
"Lige"

Neither shy nor bold she's just a girl as good as gold.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
F.H.A.	2-3-4
Messenger	4
Tomahawk	4
Homecoming Court	4
F.H.A.-F.F.A. Court	4

NORMAN ANDERSON
"Pete"

A valuable runner on the track team.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
"N" Club	2-3-4
"N" Club Officer	4
Basketball	3
Track	1-2-3-4
F.F.A.	1-2-3
F.F.A. Officer	3
Messenger	3-4
Tomahawk	4
Homecoming Court	4

BARBARA STEWART
"Barb"

She's a winner in both athletics and personality.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Pep Club Officer	4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Harmonic Dozen	4
Band	1-2-3-4
F.H.A.	1-2-3-4
F.H.A. Officer	3-4
Library Club	2-3-4
Library Club Officer	3
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
G.A.A. Officer	4
Messenger	1-2-3-4
Messenger Editor	4
Tomahawk	4
Class Play	3-4
Homecoming Court	4
Carnival Court	2
F.H.A.-F.F.A. Court	4

SANDRA ADKINS
"Sandy"

Pep plus Personality equals Popularity.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	1-2
F.H.A.	3-4
Spanish Club	3-4
Spanish Club Officer	3
Library Club	2-3-4
Library Club Officer	3
Messenger	3-4
Tomahawk	3-4
Tomahawk Editor	4
Class Play	3-4
Homecoming Court	4
Carnival Queen	4
Class Officer	3

MARILYN LAWRENCE
"Gabe"

In life she's lots of fun but when there's work she gets it done.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	1-2-3
Band	1-2-3-4
Spanish Club	1-2-3-4
Spanish Club Officer	3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
Messenger	2-3-4
Messenger Staff	4
Tomahawk	4
Student Council	3-4
Student Council Officer	4
Class Officer	3
Library Club	2-3-4
Library Club Officer	3-4

CAROL EVANS
"Carol"

A sparkle in her eye to match the one on her finger.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	1-2-3
Band	1-2-3-4
F.H.A.	1-2-3-4
F.H.A. Officer	4
Library Club	2-3-4
G.A.A.	2-3-4
G.A.A. Officer	4
Messenger	2-3-4
Tomahawk	4

DON BEALS
"Malcolm"

A regular fellow his classmates say; what better tribute can they pay.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
"N" Club	2-3-4
Basketball	2
Track	2-3
F.F.A.	1-2-3-4
F.F.A. Officer	4
Library Club	4
Tomahawk	4
F.F.A.-F.H.A. Court	4

SHERRY WHITE
"Sherry"

Only God could love her for herself and not her golden hair.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Cheerleader	4
Chorus	1-2-3
F.H.A.	1-2-3-4
Library Club	2-3-4
Library Club Officer	4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
G.A.A. Officer	4
Messenger	2-3-4
Tomahawk	4
F.H.A.-F.F.A. Court	4

Eloise Adkins

Norman Anderson

Barbara Stewart

Sandra Adkins

Marilyn Lawrence

Carol Evans

Don Beals

Sherry White

JAMES KNOX
"Jim"

We can always rely upon his help.

Transfer from Sullivan	4
Pep Club	4
"N" Club	4
Tomahawk	4

CLARICE GOAD

Blonde and sweet and hard to beat.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
F.H.A.	1-2-3-4
Messenger	4
Tomahawk Staff	4

JOHN KNOX
"Brownie"

Slow to move but quick to think.

Transfer from Sullivan	4
F.F.A.	4
Messenger Sports Editor	4
Tomahawk	4

LAWRENCE SANDERS
"Larry"

A likeable fellow by the name of Larry, with a love of basketball in his heart.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
"N" Club	1-2-3-4
"N" Club Officer	3-4
Basketball	1-3-4
Team Captain	4
Track	1-2-3-4
Baseball	1-2-3-4
Chorus	2-3-4
Harmonic Dozen	4
Messenger	2-3-4
Tomahawk	4
Class Play	3-4
Class Officer	4

ROBERT SWENGEL
"Greek"

He plays with grit and speed, and scores in time of need.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
"N" Club	1-2-3-4
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Track	1-2-3-4
Baseball	2
Chorus	1-2
Spanish Club	1-2
Spanish Club Officer	2
Messenger	1-2-3-4
Tomahawk Business Manager	4
Class Play	3-4
Homecoming Court	4
Carnival Court	4
Student Council	3-4
Student Council Officer	3-4
Class Officer	2-3

ROBERT McKIBBEN
"Mac"

In basketball or track he's sure to help his team to fame.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
"N" Club	2-3-4
Basketball	2-3-4
Track	2-3
Baseball	2
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Harmonic Dozen	4
F.F.A.	1-2-3
Messenger Staff	3
Tomahawk Advertising	4
Homecoming Court	4

DORTHY LANE
"Dot"

Her heart's in the Highland, her heart is not here.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	2-3-4
Band	2-3-4
F.H.A.	2-3-4
Spanish Club	2-3
Library Club	2-3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
Messenger	1-2-3-4
Tomahawk	4
Class Play	3

DONALD MEHL
"Femahle"

If work interferes with pleasure, count on him not to work.

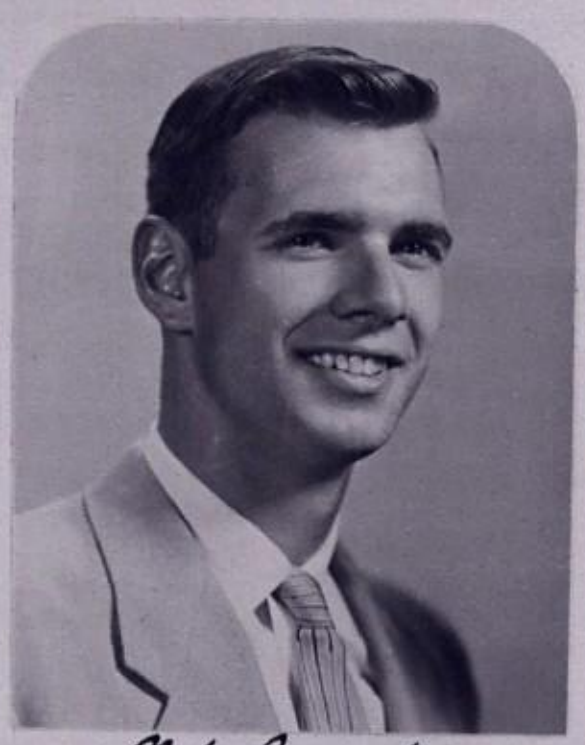
Pep Club	1-2-3-4
"N" Club	4
Baseball	3-4
Chorus	1
F.FA.	1-2-3-4
Library Club	4
Tomahawk	4

James Knox

Clarice Goad

John Knox

Larry Sanders



Bob Swengel

Bob McKibben

Dorothy Lane

Don Mehl

DELBERT WAYNE BELL
"Deb"

Deb's the kind to put up a fight, he always plays with all his might.".

Pep Club	4
"N" Club	3-4
Basketball	1-3-4
Track	3
Tomahawk	4

ELIZABETH GAMMILL
"Liz"

Liz is great and mighty fine, she's the only one of her kind.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Band	1-2-3-4
F.H.A.	1-2-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
Messenger	1-4
Junior Class Play	3
Tomahawk	4

REGIS McCLORY"
"Reg"

. . . and he answered the call of his country.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Tomahawk	4

RUTH BURTON
"Barty"

"Sweet is the word that describes her."

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3
Messenger	4
Tomahawk	4

BLANCHE WHITE
"Bleach"

Silence is golden. She's making money.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3
Messenger	4
Tomahawk	4

DON CLAYBAUGH
"Non"

He crooned his way into our hearts.

Pep Club	4
Basketball	1
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Harmonic Dozen	4
Octet	2-3
Library Club	3
Messenger	3-4
Tomahawk	4
Homecoming Court	4
Senior Class Play	4

JEAN GILBERT
"Gib"

Labor has its rewards."

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	2-3-4
F.H.A.	1-2-3-4
Library Club	2-3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
G.A.A. Officer	1
Messenger	2-3-4
Messenger Staff	2-3-4
Tomahawk	4

BOB HEATON
"Heathen"

"His jokes bring a smile to the sternest faces."

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Basketball	3
Track	3
F.F.A.	2-3
Tomahawk	4
Junior Class Play	3
Senior Class Play	4

Delbert Bell

Elizabeth Gammill

Regis Mellory

Ruth Burton

Blanche White

Don Claybaugh

Jean Gilbert

Bob Heaton

JO ANN MEYERS
"Jo"

Blonde of hair, and quick of mind.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Cheerleader	2-3-4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Band	1-2-3-4
F.H.A.	4
Spanish Club	1-2-3-4
Spanish Officer	3-4
Library Club	2-3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
G.A.A. Officer	4
Messenger	2-3-4
Tomahawk	4
Junior Class Play	3
Homecoming Court	4
Carnival Court	1
Class Officer	1-2

BILL THOMPSON
"Bill"

He came—from Sullivan. He saw—our ways. And conquered —Neoga High.

Pep Club	4
Transfer from Sullivan	3
Track	1-4
Tomahawk	4

ANITA JONES
"Babe"

Things of great value come in small packages.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	3-4
F.H.A.	1-2-3
Spanish Club	2
Library Club	3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3
Messenger	4
Tomahawk	4

ANTHONY SHEEHAN
"Tony"

Ambition has no rest.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Track	1-2
F.F.A.	1-2-3-4
F.F.A. Officer	4
Class Officer	1-3
Class Play	4
Tomahawk	4

CHARLES SCHUTTE
"Chuck"

A peppy cheerleader always on the job.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Cheerleader	4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
F.F.A.	1-2-3-4
F.F.A. Officer	4
Tomahawk	4
F.H.A.-F.F.A. Court	4
Class Officer	2
Class Play	4

LAVONNA TRUE
"Vonnie"

Well known for her ability in band.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Band	1-2-3-4
Library Club	2-3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
Messenger	4
Tomahawk	4

NEIL NICHOLS
"Chub"

. . . and a mighty man was he.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
F.F.A.	1-2-3-4
F.F.A. Officer	4
Tomahawk	4

VIOLET SCHOBY
"Scob"

Liked here, liked there, liked everywhere.

Pep Club	1-2-3-4
Library Club	1-2-3-4
G.A.A.	1-2-3-4
Messenger	1-2-3-4
Chorus	3-4
F.H.A.	2-3-4
Tomahawk	4
Tomahawk Staff	4

Jo Ann Meyers

Bill Thompson

Anita Jones

Tony Sheehan

Charles Schutte

Lavonna True

Neil Nichols

Violet Schoby

Senior Class Prophecy

As we were leaving Panama it was wonderful dreaming of seeing our own home state again. The conductor took our tickets and made us comfortable for the long trip ahead. As we were surveying the passengers in our car two men entered and sat across from us. We stared at each other for a minute, then burst out with surprised laughter. It so happened that these men, DELBERT BELL and BILL THOMPSON, were returning from South America. We got into a big conversation with them and learned that they had just comleted their second exploration of the Amazon in search of a Zoodo Beetle. Bill told us he was returning to his wife, the former ANITA JONES, and that "ol' Romeo" Deb was still a bachelor.

During our conversation we reviewed our high school days and wondered what happened to our many classmates.

They told us that their old buddies, the KNOX brothers, were still motatin'. Jim had recently taken over Ken Grubb's position as manager of the Phillies. John was traveling with the "Lethal Blades Ice Hockey" team as one of their best players.

The conductor brought us a newspaper and as we looked through it our attention turned to an article which stated that REGIS McCLORY had just received a promotion from Major to Lieutenant Colonel. The promotion was awarded for his valiant heroism in combat with the 6,759th division in Kukalamunga. Looking at the headlines more closely, we noticed that the scientist mentioned was DR. ROBERT "GREEK" SWENGEL. His newest discovery, "How to take a bath in a fur-lined tub without being tickled to death," was being publicized.

We told Deb and Bill that BLANCHE WHITE was getting ready to make her third attempt at swimming the English Channel. Her old friend, RUTH BURTON, was her manager.

We decided to watch television so we moved to the club car. The program just beginning was "DON CLAYBAUGH'S Night Club Review." As we watched his chorus girls we recognized four familiar faces. Looking closer we found these to be PAT WRIGHT, CLARICE GOAD, CAROL EVANS, AND DORTHY LANE. We learned that Don was also making Johnnie Ray recordings as a pastime. The next program was "The Latest from Paris," a fashion show, headed by BETTY FLOYD. We recognized her top model as ELIZABETH GAMMILL.

Looking through a Television Review Magazine we noticed a picture of DON BEALS. Of course, we read the paragraph about him and found that he was being honored for his new TV show featuring his wife JEAN GILBERT. Also catching our eye was the review of VIOLET SCHOBY'S and LAVONNA TRUE'S Cooking School.

We were now half way home and transferred to an airplane. The stewardess looked familiar and turned out to be JEANIE WALK. She told us that we were flying in one of MARILYN LAWRENCE'S planes. We learned that Marilyn graduated from the University of Illinois in Aviation Engineering and now had an airport near Neoga.

Getting situated in the plane we discovered that the two gentlemen sitting in front of us were BOB McKIBBEN and NEIL NICHOLS. Bob told us that he was returning from the Liar's Club convention. He was made president of the club after winning the Liar's contests two successive years. Neil was resting after his bout which proclaimed him Featherweight Boxing Champion of the World.

They told us that TONY SHEEHAN was now big wheel of the "Sheehan Lumber Co." NORMAN ANDERSON, now married to the former ELOISE ADKINS, was a manager of one of Tony's big branch offices in Etna.

"Stan"

"Dotty"

"Gabe"

Carol

"Liz"

"Nean"

"Greek"

Tony

Sherry

Betty

Jo

Blanche

"Chuckie"

"Donnie"

"Mack"

"Pete"

Ruth

Clarice

Regis

"Vi"

Lige Sandy

Don

Jimmy

Jean

"Chub"

"Trish"

Larry

Bill

Barb

Don

"Babe"

Bob

Tuning in the radio we heard the familiar voice of CHARLES SCHUTTE as top comedian on Neoga's own station ZVTS. He took this position as a replacement for Jack Benny.

Our plane landed and we were home at last! The Lawrence Airport was quite a change to the old Neoga we used to know.

We had been told what a classy hotel LARRY SANDERS had, so we went there to be guests for the second week end. The bell boy who stepped forward to show us to our room was DON MEHL. After unpacking we went out to do some window shopping.

When we got out on the street we noticed a man carrying a sign on his back that said: "Eat at Jo's." Getting closer to this person we recognized him as our successful businessman, STANLEY ALBIN. Talking to him we found that he was working for JO MEYERS who owned the "Greasy Spoon" down the street. We had a chat with Jo then continued on our journey.

We passed a beauty parlor and saw a sign that was offering a special rate on the new "Shingle Bob" hair cut. The operator was wearing this cut and turned out to be SHERRY WHITE.

Catching our eye was a big neon sign — HEATON MOTOR SALES. We stepped up to see the display in the show window and saw the new "Super Sonic Heatonette" (one of BOB'S own creations).

At the end of our tiring day we returned to the hotel and immediately visited the Beauty Salon to be refreshed. We instantly recognized BARBARA STEWART sitting in chair number 2. She told us that she was now head director of Physical Education in the Trowbridge Academy for girls.

We glanced around the parlor and saw SANDRA ADKINS seated behind a desk. While talking to her we learned that she had been cashier of this establishment for the past three years.

Returning to our rooms to retire we recalled our experiences of the past forty-eight hours and both agreed that the Class of '53 was well on the way to success.

JUNIORS

SOPHOMORES

FRESHMEN

Junior Class History

Another year has passed for the Class of '54. This year has been a very active year for us. We have 39 students this year, three of whom are new.

The officers were elected soon after the sponsors were chosen. They are: President, Evelyn White; vice-president, Rex Lindley; secretary, Virginia Garrett; and treasurer, Lylah Schutte.

The Junior Class play, "PARENTS ARE LIKE THAT," presented November 6th and 7th, was our first success.

During the year the Juniors have sponsored the assembly programs and the selling of candy and Cokes.

The highlight of the year was the Prom and Banquet with "You Belong to Me" as the theme. The Banquet was served at the Presbyterian church by the mothers of the Juniors. The Prom was given at Pioneer School with Paul Douglas' orchestra playing. The dance floor was decorated with pyramids, palm trees and backdrops to represent a market place in Algeria.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Grubb for their wonderful guidance in making our Junior year a success.

Sponsors: Mrs. Grubb, Mr. Grubb.

Top of Page: Evelyn White, president; Rex Lindley, vice-president.

Row One: Lylah Schutte, treasurer; Virginia Garrett, secretary; Richard Albin, Bill Alexander, Wayne Andrews.

Row Two: Ida Mae Beals, Joy Beals, Neva Bray, Nancy Cann, Betty Chronic.

Row Three: Marie Cooper, Don Cordes, Sonny Croy.

JUNIORS

Junior Class

Row One: Janet Edwards, Jim Farr, Jessie Green, Dwight Koester, Robert Konrad.

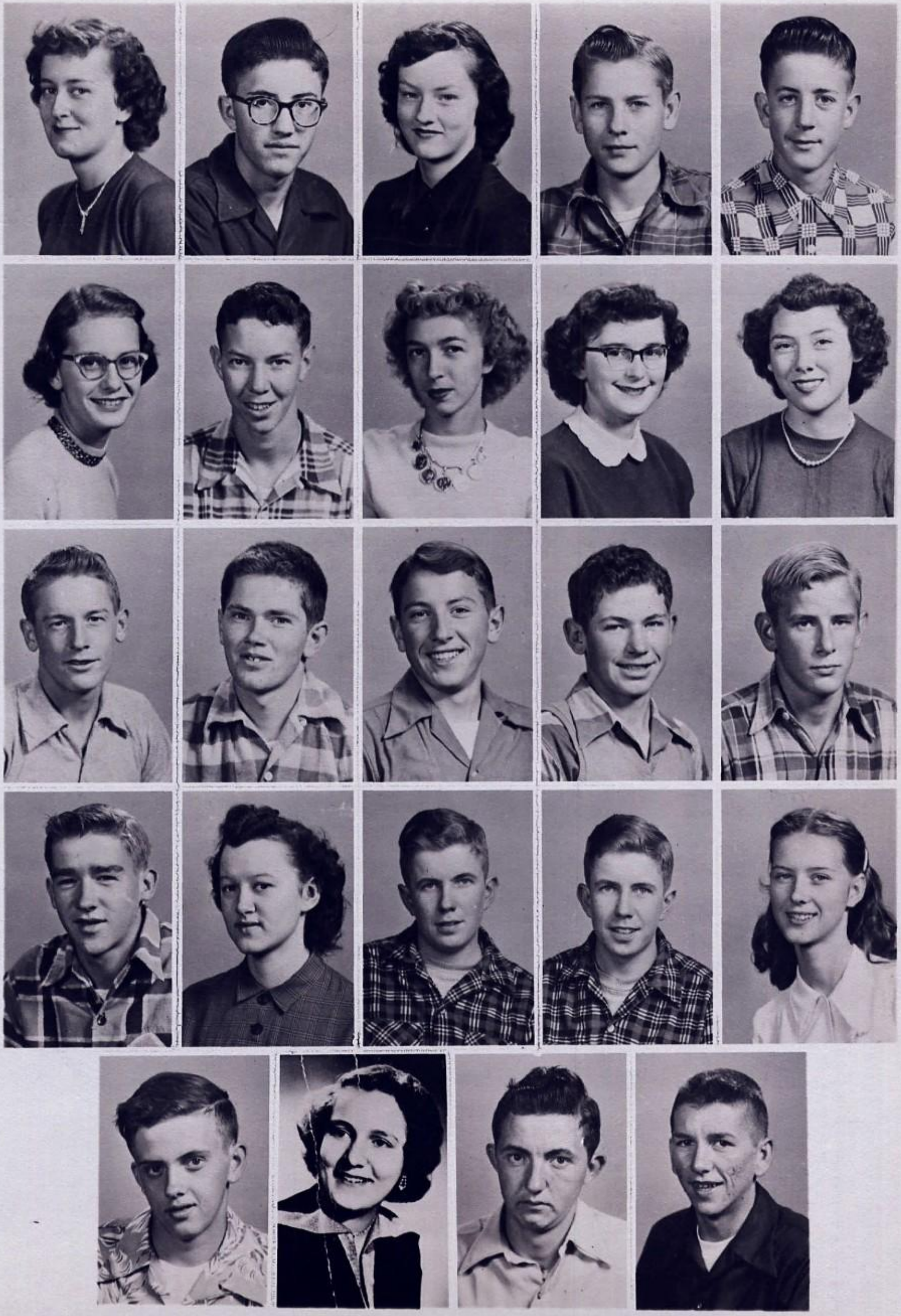
Row Two: Martha Kraft, John Lawson, Shirley Martin, Marian Oakley, Linda Parker.

ROW Three: Harold Patrick, Frank Price, Clarence Schutte, John Schutte, Lawrence Schwerdt.

Row Four: John Sheehan, Barbara Shuemaker, Delbert Spencer, Donald Spencer, Louise Stephens.

Row Five: Jack Taylor, Kay Wampler, Duane Warner, George White.

JUNIORS



Sophomore Class History

During our first week of school we had a class meeting to elect officers and sponsors for the coming year. They are: president, Donald Johnson; vice-president, Betty Barrett; secretary-treasurer, Shirley Deadmond; reporter, Phyllis Oakley; sponsors, Mr. White and Mrs. Holladay.

Early in the fall we had a work day to raise money. Other money making schemes were discussed. We decided to sell hot dogs at the basketball games.

The Sophomores and their sponsors enjoyed a skating party on January 27 at Mattoon skating rink. We decided to have another work day early in the spring.

Sponsors: Mr. White and Mrs. Holladay.
Top of Page: Don Johnson, Betty Barrett.
First Row: Shirley Deadmond, Lorene Beals, Verna Beals, Barbara Bell, James Brown.
Second Row: Carol Cann, Louise Casstevens, Pat Conner, Bill Fear, Carol Fleming.
Third Row: Bob Gentry, Evelyn Goad, Dorothy Hardesty.

SOPHOMORES

Sophomore Class

Row One: Judy Harvey, Jim Haskett, Dorothy Hellman, Diane Jones.

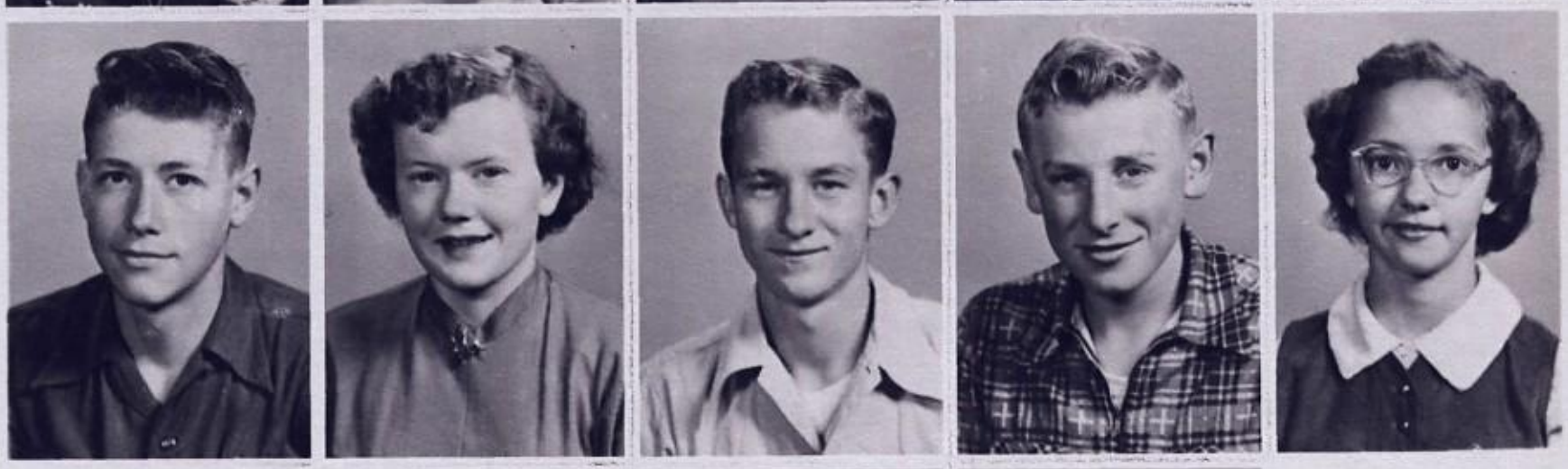
Row Two: Donna Sue Jones, Charles Keck, Mary Jane Keck, Donald Lawson, Betty Lear.

Row Three: Donald McMullen, Leona Mehl, Phyllis Oakley, Richard Peters, Jim Reynolds.

Row Four: Ronald Russell, Shirley Schroeder, Paul Sheehan, Dean Walk, Darilene Warner.

Row Five: Barbara White, Donald White, John Wilson.

SOPHOMORES



Freshman Class History

This year the "green freshies" enrolled in Neoga High School, and under the supervision of Mr. Clark and Mr. Reiman, our class sponsors, the following class officers were elected: president, Peggy Waggoner; vice-president, Gary Freeland; secretary-treasurer, Bob Ludwig.

On the fateful date of October 17, the upper classes held the freshman initiation and there were many judgments passed on the "freshies" by Judge Phyllis Oakley and her assistant, Diane Jones.

The future class of '56 would like to thank the teachers for putting up with us through our first year in N. H. S.

Row One: Peggy Waggoner, Gary Freeland, Bob Ludwig, Judy Anderson, Joan Ballinger, Frances Bartlett, Roger Beals.

Row Two: Roy Beals, Howard Beard, Carolyn Bell, Don Boswell, Victor Brandenburg.

Row Three: Louise Bray, Carl Clough, Evelyn Cooper.

FRESHMEN

Freshman Class

Row One: Dorothy Dow, Roger Dow, Marilyn Ellzey, Kathryn Fear, Charles Ferris.

Row Two: Gail Fleming, Delores Floyd, Leona Goodwin, Marion Hammond, Barbara Harl.

Row Three: Tommy Hatfill, Betty Henderson, Wayne Johnston, Chuck Jones, Vincent Keck.

Row Four: Phyllis Knox, Ruth Koester, Madonna Konrad, Betty Kritz, Norita Lacy.

Row Five: Joe Latch, Harlan Lock, Grace Martin.

FRESHMEN

Freshman Class

Row One: Beverly Myers, Chuck Meyers, Geraldine Niebrugge, Patty Overmyer, Raymond Overmyer.

Row Two: Anne Price, Dorislee Price, Roy Price, Shirley Price, Virginia Orsborn.

Row Three: Homer Russell, William Saunders, Bob Senteney, Kenneth Shuemaker, Bob St. John.

Row Four: Bill Storm, Ruth Sullender, Judy Swengel, Carl Swick, Naomi Trigg.

Row Five: Jane Walden, Jerry Wilson, Roberta Woolery.

FRESHMEN

Class of 1952

LARRY GREEN—Working at hatchery in Trilla.

BOB WILSON—Has gas station at Buffalo, Illinois.

JOAN GILBERT—Now Mrs. Bob Young.

SUE MORGAN — Working in the office at Kuehne's.

JUANITA BALLINGER — Now Mrs. Dwight Evans.

JOANNE BELL—Working at Soward's Drug Store.

HANK BRAY—Ivy Landscape Co., in Urbana.

DAVID CASSTEVENS—Student at Eastern.

JACK DOLL—Working for his father.

SHIRLEY DOW—Now Mrs. Norman Phillips.

DONETTE FERRIS—Now Mrs. Dick Grisham.

JOHN FLOOD—Working at Neoga Elevator.

DARLETTA FOSBINDER—Working in office at Kuehne's.

LEROY FOX—Serving in the Marines.

VIRGINIA FULLER—Now Mrs. Wallace Livingston.

MAX GILBERT—Serving in the Navy.

GEORGE GRUBE—Serving in the Army.

EILEEN INGRAM—Now Mrs. Bob Koonse.

DWIGHT JOHNSON—Working at Kuehne's.

DONALD KIMERY—Working at Kuehne's.

ELOISE KONRAD—At home.

JACK McKIBBEN—Serving in the Army.

RICHARD METTENDORF — Attending Utterback's.

FERN MORTON—At home.

DONALD PARKER—California Oil Co., at Mattoon.

JUDY PARKER—Working in Mattoon.

BEVERLY SALZMAN—Attending University of Illinois in Champaign.

GEORGE SHUEMAKER—Working on the farm.

EVELYN SNODGRASS—Working for the telephone company in Mattoon.

SHIRLEY STEWART—Attending Eastern.

BETTY STUCKEY—Working in the office at Hulman's in Mattoon.

JIM WILSON—Attending the U. of I.

SHIRLEY WRIGHT—Attending Eastern.

ACTIVITIES

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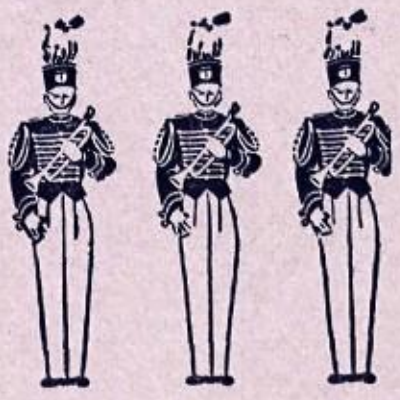

Basketball

The "A" team had a fairly successful season this year, winning six and losing seven of the conference games. The Indians won third place in the Holiday Tournament at St. Anthony, but did not fare as well in the Regional, losing our first game. We finished with fifth rating in the conference.

"A" Team, First Row: Don Cordes, Bob McKibben, Bob Swengel, Larry Sanders, Delbert Bell, Rex Lindley, Harold Patrick.

Second Row: Mr. Grubb, Dean Walk, Clarence Schutte, Jim Haskett, Ronald Russell, John Wilson, Richard Albin, Mr. Voris.

Third Row: Duane Warner, Stanley Albin, John Knox.

The "B" team had a very successful season. Over fifty per cent of the teams fell prey to the Indians. The team, with the exception of three juniors, was made up of Freshmen and Sophomores. With the help of next year's Freshmen, we hope to have even a better season than this year.

"B" Team, First Row: Bob Ludwig, Richard Albin, Jim Haskett, Clarence Schutte, Dean Walk, Ronald Russell, John Wilson.

Second Row: Mr. Grubb, Roy Price, John Lawson, Jim Farr, Kenny Shuemaker, Jerry Wilson, Roger Beals, Mr. Voris.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

	They	We
Altamont	66	47
Stewardson-Strasburg	66	55
Teutopolis	75	47
Cumberland	69	57
St. Anthony	52	30
Ramsey	54	53
St. Elmo	44	60
Windsor	53	56
Teutopolis	80	56
*St. Dominick	51	80
*St. Anthony	54	41
*Noble	52	58

*Tourney games.

	They	We
Brownstown	57	51
St. Anthony	55	51
Ramsey	52	54
Arthur	66	63
Brownstown	43	49
Martinsville	47	50
Windsor	75	62
Cowden	55	59
Beecher City	56	61
Arthur	65	55
Stewardson-Strasburg	58	60
Martinsville	54	64
*Tuscola	71	51

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Basketball Team

LARRY "TINY" SANDERS

One of those big boys you find hiding out some place. Larry proved to be a very important part of this year's ball team. Despite his inexperience he copped the free throw shooting average and captained the Indians. His leadership and rugged rebounding were an important factor in the team's success this year.

DELBERT "JINGLE" BELL

The ruggedest 160 pounds of fight we've seen in ages. He never gave up and was a stalwart both defensively and offensively. Proving his worth early in the season against Cumberland, "Jingles" went in the game with a 24-point deficit and in one and a half quarters changed a rout into a mere 11-point defeat.

BOB "GREEK" SWENGEL

"Greek" has been the mainstay the past two years for Neoga. He played top ball all season and in several games played outstandingly to the tune of "honorable mention" "all state." Greek's versatility gave other teams a headache. He could play th posts, forward or guard, equally well and being our tallest, 6-4, he was used to draw out the opponents' rebounding strength. Greek was beaten .15 of a per cent by Sanders for free-throw honors. He led the team in scoring with 311 points in 24 games.

STAN ALBIN

It was a sad day December 28, 1952, when we lost Stan for the rest of the season with a fractured skull. Sounds gruesome and it is when you realize that Stan had been our leading scorer in the previous three games (average 21 points). Our season record was definitely affected by Stan's absence and we think he took the "no play" news like a true athlete and sportsman.

REX LINDLEY

A Junior forward converted to guard. As a Sophomore Rex was one of the first five and this year his past experience really paid off for Neoga. He was second high scorer with 309 points in 25 games. In one game Rex shot a sizzling 80 per cent and in another 75 per cent. His was the "never die spirit," for some last minute baskets by this rugged technician put the Indians ahead at the sound of the horn. A lot will be on Rex's shoulders next year but we feel sure that we haven't seen anything where this Lindley boy's concerned.

HAROLD PATRICK

Our fighty mite who saved us upon losing Stan Albin. Pat jumped in with 23 points, then 21, then 18. My, what a buzz saw on fast break and against a man to man defense. The tougher the shooting the better he can hit. Pat was a very important cog on the team this year and we expect him to team with Lindley for a rugged season in '53-'54.

BOB McKIBBEN

Bob was that guy who was needed for a few quick baskets or free throws. He started regular at the first of the season but it was soon proved that he worked better in a relief spot. His good rebounding and corner shooting came in handy, especially in our last few games.

DON "DUKE" CORDES

Duke held down number seven spot this season. A deceptive ball handler and passer, Duke is trying to find his shooting eye and if he does, watch out for "razzle dazzle."

DEAN WALK

Sophomore forward, he played a lot of "B" team ball and toward the end of the season a lot of "A" team. Dean always landed in a close game and generally carried a responsibility of at least two free throws and a stall offense. His success as a game saver is pretty well established in the minds of the fans.

CLARENCE "TOUGHY" SCHUTTE

A Junior transfer from Sigel, Clarence showed a lot of promise in "B" team ball and his last minute tie score encounters in "A" team games proved his merit as a ball player who'll give Neoga a great deal of strength next season.

DEB

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PAT

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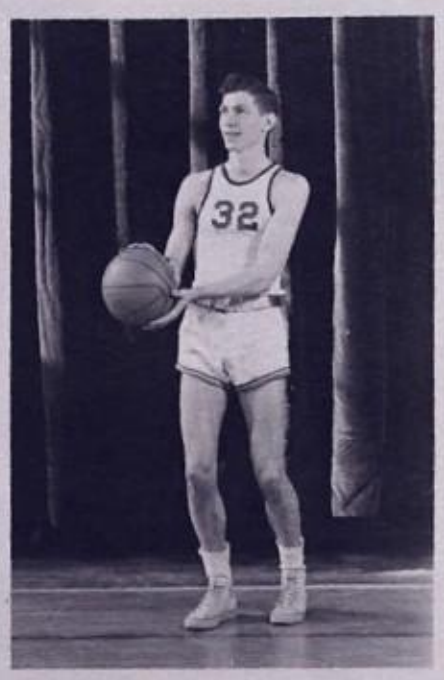
LARRY



STAN

REX

DUTCH

TUFFY

"N" Club

The "N" Club has completed its fourth year as an active organization of Neoga High School. One of the main purposes of this club is to get better acquainted with athletics and promote better sportsmanship among the players.

As a freshman you cannot belong to this club. The reason is, you must win the letter "N" or the numeral which is given the freshman year. After this you are automatically in the organization.

The officers that were chosen for this year are as follows:

President—Stanley Albin.

Vice-President—Rex Lindley.

Secretary-Treasurer—Norman Anderson.

Reporter—Larry Sanders.

First Row: Jim Farr, Delbert Bell, Bob Swengel, Larry Sanders, Stanley Albin, Rex Lindley, Bob McKibben.

Second Row: Mr. Grubb, John Knox, Clarence Schutte, John Lawson, Jim Haskett, Ronnie Russell, Don Cordes, Mr. Voris.

Third Row: Richard Albin, Dean Walk, John Wilson, Don Mehl, Bill Alexander, Don Lawson, Harold Patrick, Jim Knox.

Baseball

The baseball season this year was not very successful as far as the won and lost record indicates. The Indians did not win a ball game this season, but with one or two positions taken care of this year we could give someone a rough time. This year we picked up a lot of valuable experience that will help the boys in the future. The following list is a schedule of last year's games:

Brownstown	19	Neoga	0
St. Anthony	8	Neoga	2
Beecher City	9	Neoga	8
Altamont	12	Neoga	4
Stewardson-Strasburg	11	Neoga	3
Windsor	10	Neoga	4
Cowden		Neoga	
St. Elmo		Neoga	

First Row: John Lawson, Larry Sanders, Stanley Albin, Rex Lindley, Don Mehl, Jim Knox, Roy Price.

Second Row: John Knox, Dean Walk, Don Cordes, Don Lawson, George White, Jerry Wilson, Mr. Grubb.

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Pep Club

The Pep Club was organized at the first of the school year and elected Barbara Stewart, president; Neva Bray, vice-president; Pat Wright, secretary; Betty Floyd, treasurer.

Most of the members have been present at every game and have helped to promote good sportsmanship.

The Club has sold hats and popcorn in order to raise money to meet its financial needs.

Row Five (left to right): Bill Thompson, Anita Jones, Louise Casstevens, Leona Mehl, Dorthy Hellman, Shirley Schroeder, Joan Ballinger, Geraldine Niebrugge, Gail Fleming, Wayne Andrews, Bob St. John, Roy Price, Don Lawson, Jim Knox, Don Mehl, John Schutte, Larry Schwerdt, Duane Warner, Don Cordes, Bill Alexander.

Row Four: Phyllis Knox Carolyn Bell, Sonny Croy, Carol Fleming, Frances Bartlett, Dorislee Price, Pat Overmyer, Betty Kritz, Peg Waggoner, Louise Bray, Jim Farr, Robert Konrad, Dwight Koester, George White, Richard Albin, John Lawson, Eloise Adkins, Norman Anderson, Bob Heaton, Regis McClory, Don Beals, Kenny Shuemaker.

Row Three: Betty Barrett, Mary Jane Keck, Judy Swengel, Kathryn Fear, Delores Floyd, Beverly Myers, Grace Martin, Nancy Cann, Virginia Garrett, Joy Beals, Evelyn White, Ida Mae Beals, Lylah Schutte, Marie Cooper, Jessie Green, Janet Edwards, Ann Price, Jane Walden, Liz Gammill, Claric Goad.

Row Two: Carol Cann, Evelyn Goad, Donna Jones, Barbara Bell, Lorene Beals, Madonna Konrad, Ruth Koester, Evelyn Cooper, Barbara Shuemaker, Shirley Martin, Sandra Adkins, Carol Evans, Marilyn Lawrence, Jean Walk, Jean Gilbert, Martha Kraft, Violet Schoby, Lavonna True, Ruth Burton.

Row One: Mrs. Grubb, Bob Swengel, Harold Patrick, Delbert Bell, Larry Sanders, Rex Lindley, Stanley Albin, Bob McKibben, Betty Floyd, Neva Bray, Barbara Stewart, Pat Wright, Dean Walk, Clarence Schutte, Jim Haskett, Jerry Wilson, Roger Beals, Ronald Russell, John Wilson.

Cheerleaders: Marian Oakley, Sherry White, Charles Schutte, Phyllis Oakley, Jo Ann Meyers.

Cheerleaders

The Pep Club elected Jo Meyers, Phyllis Oakley, Chuck Schutte, Sherry White, and Marian Oakley, cheerleaders. Jo, Marian and Phyllis had been cheerleaders previously, while Sherry and Chuck were new.

The girls got red and grey gabardine princess style outfits, and red ties and tights. Chuck's uniform was grey trousers and sweater with a red shirt and white tennis shoes.

Left to Right: Jo Meyers, Phyllis Oakley, Chuck Schutte, Sherry White, and Marian Oakley.

F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of, by, and for boys studying vocational agriculture.

The F. F. A. is an intra-curricular activity having its origin and root in a definite part of the school curriculum—vocational agriculture. Among other things, members learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in public meetings, to speak in public, to buy and sell cooperatively, to solve their own problems, to finance themselves, and to assume civic responsibility. The foundation upon which the Future Farmers of America organization is built includes leadership and character development, sportsmanship, cooperation, service, thrift, scholarship, improved agriculture, organized recreation, citizenshp, and patriotism.

The F.F.A. is 100 per cent American in its ideals, and outlook and has no outside affiliations. There is no secrecy in connection with any of its activities. The officers for 1952-53 are Charles Schutte, president; Tony Sheehan, vice-president; John Wilson, secretary; Don Beals, treasurer; Donald Johnson, reporter; Neil Nichols, sentinel.

Some of the activities we have participated in or sponsored this year are: F.F.A. camp, livestock show, leadership training school, land judging team, F.F.A.-F.H.A. dance, sold farrowing crate, F.F.A. barn dance, trip to the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago, parliamentary procedure team, livestock and grain judging teams, delegates to the state convention, pest contest, Farm Journal magazine sales campaign, increased Ag. library, and work on school Ag. farm.

First Row: Lawrence Schwerdt, Bob St. John, Carl Clough, Robert Senteney, Vincent Keck, Bill Storm.

Second Row: Jim Haskett, Donald Johnson, Charles Schutte, John Wilson, Don Beals, Neil Nichols, Jim Reynolds, Mr. Leming.

Third Row: John Knox, Paul Sheehan, Dick Peters, Dean Walk, Don McMullen, John Schutte, Clarence Schutte, Sonny Croy, Delbert Spencer, Jack Taylor, Donald Spencer.

Fourth Row: Bob Ludwig, Wayne Johnston, Roger Dow, John Sheehan, Bill Alexander, Duane Warner, Kenny Shuemaker, Wayne Andrews, Don Mehl, Harlan Lock, Tommy Hatfill.

F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of America is a national organization. It consists of 40 members. One semester of Homemaking is required to be eligible for membership.

The officers of the chapter for the past year were: Marian Oakley, president; Jeannie Walk, vice-president; Janet Edwards, treasurer; Barbara Stewart, parliamentarian; Barbara Shuemaker, historian; Jessie Green, song leader; Carol Evans, public relations chairman; Mrs. Bell, adviser.

National F.H.A. Week was observed by church attendance, "Hobo Day," assembly program, "Daddy Date Night," bake sale, and red and white day.

By selling cards and stationery we raised money toward the buying of a sewing machine for the Home Ec. department.

The F.H.A. has been very active this year, and they are bringing out the importance of their motto, "Toward New Horizons."

First Row: Lylah Schutte, Carol Cann, Virginia Garrett, Frances Bartlett, Evelyn Cooper, Gail Fleming, Louise Bray, Carol Fleming.

Second Row: Phyllis Oakley, Jessie Green, Betty Barrett, Janet Edwards, Marian Oakley, Jean Walk, Carol Evans, Barbara Stewart, Barbara Shuemaker, Mrs. Bell.

Third Row: Sandy Adkins, Lorene Beals, Pat Overmyer, Shirley Price, Marie Cooper, Martha Kraft, Jean Gilbert, Violet Schoby, Jo Meyers, Betty Floyd, Sherry White, Dorislee Price, Roberta Woolery, Donna Jones, Naomi Trigg.

Fourth Row: Eloise Adkins, Janie Walden, Anne Price, Clarice Goad, Neva Bray, Nancy Cann, Evelyn Goad, Mary Keck, Liz Gammill, Grace Martin, Beverly Myers, Delores Floyd.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
NEOGA CHAPTER

Spanish Club

This year the Spanish Club began its activities by electing new officers: Sandra Adkins, president; Pat Wright, vice-president; Jo Meyers, secretary-treasurer; and Marilyn Lawrence, reporter.

The highlight of the year's activities was the Mexican supper, which was sponsored by the Spanish Club. The club has also learned the Jarabe Tapatio (The Mexican Hat Dance), the Chiapanecas, and several games and songs.

It is hoped that through the Spanish Club activities the members have acquired a better understanding of the Spanish speaking countries and their language and customs.

Front Row: Judy Swengel, Jo Meyers, Sandra Adkins, Pat Wright, Marilyn Lawrence.

Back Row: Betty Kritz, Judy Anderson, Jim Farr, Madonna Konrad, Ruth Koester, Peggy Waggoner.

Library Club

The Library Club had its first meeting of the year September 17 to elect officers. They are:

President—Lylah Schutte.

Vice-President—Sherry White.

Secretary-Treasurer—Pat Wright.

Reporter—Marilyn Lawrence.

The Library Club has had no parties this year because they wished all dues and fines to go to the benefit of the library. They have almost paid for a wooden card file. The library club of 1952 donated a metal file which was received at the beginning of the year.

First Row: Sandra Adkins, Nancy Cann, Pat Wright, Sherry White, Lylah Schutte, Marilyn Lawrence, Betty Floyd, Jean Gilbert.

Second Row: Dorothy Hardesty, Pat Conner, Shirley Deadmond, Phyllis Oakley, Jo Meyers, Ida Mae Beals, Shirley Martin, Anita Jones, Carol Evans, Lavonna True, Violet Schoby, Barbara Stewart.

Third Row: Betty Henderson, Carolyn Bell, Betty Barrett, Delores Floyd, Carol Cann, Evelyn Goad, Lorene Beals, Mary Jane Keck, Don Beals, Don Mehl, Jim Farr, Bob Konrad.

Messenger Staff

Back Row (left to right): Mr. Clark, faculty adviser; Marilyn Lawrence, proof reader; Martha Kraft, reporter; Stanley Albin, editorials; John Knox, sports Mr. Curl.

Front Row: Pat Wright, mechanical; Jean Gilbert, art; Barbara Stewart, editor; Neva Bray, assistant editor; Marian Oakley, Who's Who.

Once a week the students of the Messenger, with the help of Mr. Clark, the sponsor, put out a school paper called the "Messenger." This is the first year the Messenger has ever been published weekly; before, it was published only once a month.

The Messenger contains editorials, news of all of the clubs and classes and their activity, and reports on all of the sports.

Jokes and serial stories furnish the entertainment.

MESSENGER MEMBERS

Front Row (left to right): Jo Meyers, Phyllis Oakley, Betty Barrett, Ann Price, Carol Evans, Sherry White, Betty Floyd, Marilyn Lawrence, Anita Jones, Violet Schoby.

Second Row: Martha Kraft, Barbara Stewart, Eloise Adkins, Sandra Adkins, Ruth Burton, Phyllis Knox, Clarice Goad, Virginia Garrett, Louise Bray, Peggy Waggoner, Barbara Bell, Evelyn Goad, Lavonna True, and Mr. Clark.

Third Row: Bill Wilson, Donald Johnson, Norman Anderson, Bob McKibben, Larry Sanders, Bob Swengel, Jim Haskett, Jean Walk, Elizabeth Gammill, Nancy Cann, Janet Edwards, Evelyn White, Judy Cowan, Karen Buchanan, Madonna Hellman.

G. A. A.

The G.A.A. is composed of about 25 members who have participated in various physical activities throughout the school year. Officers elected at the beginning of the year were:

President—Barbara Stewart.
Vice-President—Betty Floyd.
Secretary—Sherry White.
Treasurer—Jo Meyers.
Points Chairman—Carol Evans.

The G.A.A. sponsored a girls' class tournament in basketball in which the Seniors took first place, Juniors second, Sophomores third, and Freshmen fourth.

Front Row (left to right): Jeanie Walk, Marilyn Lawrence, Jo Meyers, Sherry White, Barbara Stewart, Betty Floyd, Carol Evans, Lavonna True, Violet Schoby, Jean Gilbert.

Second Row: Sponsor, Mrs. Grubb; Marian Oakley, Phyllis Oakley, Betty Barrett, Ida Mae Beals, Louise Bray, Delores Floyd, Grace Martin, Beverly Meyers, Elizabeth Gammill.

Third Row: Shirley Deadmond, Judy Harvey, Pat Wright, Lorene Beals, Mary Jane Keck, Nancy Cann, Neva Bray, Janet Edwards, Martha Kraft.

Band

Every Memorial Day you can hear a roll of the drums, the military cadence of the marching feet, and then you see the red and gray of the Neoga Band. You'll hear them again at Neoga Day in August, and all through the basketball season. Then comes the high point of the season with their Concert Band appearance in the spring.

This year at Spring Concert, the band played three good, snappy marches, "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite," "El Capitan," and "Golden Bear," also a concert march, "American Patrol.' The audience liked the Gershwin selections from "Porgy and Bess" and "Malaguena." And we don't want to forget the novelty they presented, a modern version of "Little Red Riding Hood." These numbers and many, many others made for a most successful season.

Mixed Chorus

Each year we have cause to be very proud of our mixed chorus since very few schools of our size can boast of such an enthusiastic organization —one that represents hand picked voices chosen for blend and balance. This year the group presented familiar Christmas music in a holiday concert and appeared on the Spring Concert with a group of Negro spirituals and American folk tunes. The season was closed with appearances during Commencement week. We bid our Seniors farewell and welcome next year's new chorus members.

The boys' chorus division of the main chorus appeared on the Senior Variety Show. One of their favorites was a Spring Concert number, "Where the Blue of the Night."

The girls' chorus section gave a rhythmic rendition of a spiritual, "Rocka Ma Soul."

Front Row (left to right): Mrs. Holladay, Marian Oakley, Dorislee Price, Ann Price, Shirley Martin, Pat Conner, Barbara Bell, Betty Barrett, Betty Kritz, Jane Walden, Carol Fleming.

Second Row: Frances Bartlett, Roberta Woolery, Jessie Green, Joan Ballinger, Kathryn Fear, Evelyn Goad, Shirley Deadmond, Ruth Koester, Madonna Konrad, Judy Anderson, Judy Swengel, Shirley Price, Patsy Overmyer.

Third Row: Evelyn White, Jean Gilbert, Martha Kraft, Donna Jones, Mary Jane Keck, Carol Cann, Anita Jones, Violet Schoby, Pat Wright, Clarice Goad, Barbara Stewart, Jo Meyers, Phyllis Oakley.

Fourth Row: Rex Lindley, Sonny Croy, John Wilson, Richard Albin, George White, Charles Keck, Jim Haskett, Paul Sheehan, Dean Walk, Willard DeLong, Vincent Keck, Stanley Albin, Larry Sanders.

Harmonic Dozen

This group is a special honor group chosen from members of our main choral group. Their music is in a more popular vein than the other groups and is used for appearances at many community functions and for radio work. Two of their favorites were "The Gandy Dancers Ball" and a "South Pacific" selection, "There's Nothin' Like a Dame." Two other numbers were also fun to work with, swing versions of "Comin' thru the Rye" and "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean."

The Harmonic Dozen also worked under an alias—"Jughead and the Dirty Dozen Plus One." This doubtful group formed a Jug Band and tooted away on jugs and bottles to create a very unique though most popular effect. This group is to be commended because the main part of their hard work and rehearsing was during the noon period.

Front Row (left to right): Evelyn White, Pat Wright, Marian Oakley, Jessie Green, Barbara Stewart, Martha Kraft, Phyllis Oakley, Mrs. Holladay.

Second Row: Stanley Albin, Don Claybaugh, Larry Sanders, John Wilson, Rex Lindley, Bob McKibben.

Junior Class Play

The Junior Class presented "PARENTS ARE LIKE THAT," a comedy in three acts, on November 6 and 7, under the direction of Mr. Palmer and Mrs. Grubb. The cast was as follows:

Mrs. Burton ..... Marian Oakley
Clara ..... Neva Bray
Mr. Burton ..... Rex Lindley
Donny Burton ..... Richard Albin
Geraldine ..... Marie Cooper
Barbara Burton ..... Martha Kraft
Ross Wheeler ..... George White
Fretos ..... Jessie Green
Mrs. Wheeler ..... Evelyn White
Mayor Hanson ..... Bill Alexander
Della ..... Linda Parker

Senior Class Play

The Senior Class, breaking tradition as usual, presented a new and different kind of class play this year. The name of it was "OUTWARD BOUND." It was on the serious side and very different from anything that had been presented previous to this time. The cast was:

Rev. Thompson (The examiner) ..... Bob Swengel
Rev. William Duke ..... Larry Sanders
Tom Prior ..... Donnie Claybaugh
Mrs. Midget ..... Jeanie Walk
Ann ..... Sandy Adkins
Henry ..... Tony Sheehan
Mrs. Cliveden-Banks ..... Barbara Stewart
Scrubby ..... Bob Heaton
Mr. Lingley ..... Chuck Schutte

Homecoming

December 20, 1952, was an exciting day for all students of Neoga High School. At 6:30, the Indians again met the Dutchmen from T-Town in the Homecoming game with the Dutchmen taking another victory.

At 10 o'clock the doors were opened to the 1953 Homecoming dance. The gym was decorated to the theme "Silver Bells." Blackwell's Orchestra, who played for the event, was placed in front of a white backdrop which held various colored Christmas balls and the silver letters of the theme. Silver bells hung down from ropes stretched across the ceiling. Sprigs of cedar were placed at intervals around the gym and were interwoven in the white fence in front of the orchestra. The throne was also placed in front of a white backdrop covered with Christmas balls and tinsel.

At 11 o'clock Sue Morgan and Jim Wilson, Queen and King of 1951, crowned Jo Meyers and Stanley Albin, Queen and King of the 1952 Homecoming. First attendants to their majesties were Betty Floyd and Bob McKibben; second attendants, Sandra Adkins and Bob Swengel; third attendants, Barbara Stewart and Don Claybaugh; fourth attendants, Eloise Adkins and Norman Anderson.

James David Mayhall and Dennis Albin carried the crowns on satin pillows. Connie Mettendorf and Carolyn Adkins carried baskets filled with rose petals which they scattered at their majesties' feet.

The Homecoming is one of the highlights at N.H.S., sponsored by the Senior Class, and will always be remembered by all.

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1953

SECOND
ATTENDANT

HOMECOMING
1953

JAMES MARHALL
CAROLYN ADKINS

DENNIS ALBIN
CONNIE METTENDORF

THIRD
ATTENDANT

KING AND QUEEN OF '52

FOURTH ATTENDANT

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

2—School starts.
3-4 Teachers' Work Shop.
12—F.H.A. Hay Ride.
17—Baseball game, here.
18—F.H.A. meeting.
26-27—Senior Outdoor Carnival.

OCTOBER

3—Freshman initiation; Pep Club organization. chosen.
10—Teachers' meeting; F.F.A.-F.H.A. dance.
13—Junior Class play practice starts.
15—Students attend "Merchant of Venice" at Charleston.
16—F.H.A. meeting.
21—Spieth here to take pictures. Library work night.
27—First assembly program, "Shooting Mansfields."
29—Spanish Club went to Charleston.

NOVEMBER

3—Hobo Day.
4—Eisenhower won school election. G.A.A. meeting.
6—Junior Class play. Robbery at school. Junior class rings arrive.
18—Junior Class assembly.
21—Pictures came. Stewardson-Strasburg, there.
25—Students see "Mikado" at Charleston.
26—T-Town, there.

DECEMBER

2—Cumberland, there.
5—St. Anthony, there.
9—Ramsey, here.
13—St. Elmo, here.
14—Christmas Concert.
16—Windsor, here. Senior pictures arrive.
20—Homecoming.
26-30—St. Anthony Holiday tourney.

JANUARY

5—School starts. National Trail conference tourney.
7—All students finger-printed.
19-20—Semester exams.
20—Arthur, here.
21—Daddy Date Night.
23—Brownstown, here.
27—Band goes to Stewardson-Strasburg for band concert.
29—Organization pictures taken by Spieth.
31—Martinsville, there.

FEBRUARY

2—F.F.A. joint meeting.
3—Windsor, there.
5—Home Ec. Career Night.
6—Cowden, here.
9—Girls' basketball game. Senior win over Juniors, Sophs over Frosh.
10—Beecher City, here. Sweetheart Dance at Windsor.
13—F.F.A. Barn Dance.
18—Junior Class assembly—"Southland Singing."
19—"Martha" at Eastern.
20—Stewardson-Strasburg, here.
21—Neoga F.H.A. Sweetheart Dance.
25—Speech class presents debate for P.T.A.
28—Martinsville, here.

MARCH

6—Family Fun Night.
13—Senior Variety Show.
16-17—Student Council Work Days.
27—Physics and Shop classes go to U. of I. for Engineering Open House.
31—Seniors go to Pioneer for dinner.

APRIL

2—Teachers' meeting, no school.
4—F.H.A. Work Day.
7—Asembly program.
8—Biology class goes to Chicago.
9—Spanish Club party.
14—F.F.A. Parent-Son banquet.
20—Basketball banquet.
23-24—Senior Class play.
24—F.H.A. Slumber party.

MAY

1—Mother-Daughter banquet.
8—Spring Concert.
14—Junior-Senior prom and banquet.
18—Registration for fall school term.
21—F.H.A. banquet. Senior exams.
22—Semester exams.
24—Baccalaureate.
27—Junior High graduation.
29—Graduation.

JUNIOR HIGH

Junior High

There were 111 pupils in Junior High when school opened in September. The two large rooms were subdivided, making four home rooms. Mr. Chappelear is principal of the Junior High and also teaches arithmetic. Mr. Robin Ledbetter teaches Science and Health; Mrs. Grace Dresback, Social Studies; Mrs. Edna McKinney, English; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Grubb, Physical Education.

The program is set up so that the Junior High are not passing through the halls at the same time as the Senior High.

For recreation, they have shuffleboard and ping pong. They also have a basketball team under the dirction of Mr. Grubb.

SEVENTH GRADE

First Row: Sharon Marshall, Barbara Miller, Margaret Miller, Wilma Hensley, Wanda Mummell, Mary Parker, Bonnie Price, Joan Russell, Delilah Storm, Jeanine Craig, Carol Smith.

Second Row: Judy Cowan, Nancy Greeson, Karen Buchanan, Judy Haskett, Sandra Knox, Joan Rhodes, Christine Sanders, Carol Senteney, Janet Short, Betty Young, Joyce Young.

Third Row: Charles Rentfrow, Ervin Figgens, Leonard Smith, Wilbur Beals, Dale Adkins, June Barrett, Mary Ann Bridges, Carolyn Brandenburg, Shirley Burton, Jone Cooper, Linda Fort.

Fourth Row: Mr. Chappelear, Bob Brick, Paul Overmyer, Philip Zimmer, Gene Keck, Paul Hatton, Bob Figgens, Bruce Marshall, Don Martin, Gene Willenborg, Delbert Cornell.

Fifth Row: Dick Drennan, David Russell, Stanley Smith, Jack Giberson, Marion Ballinger, Don Scoles, Jerry Patton, Frank Trigg.

EIGHTH GRADE

First Row: Shirley Patrick, Louise Cole, Johanna Chancellor, Patsy Hill, Betty Cline, Carol Behl, Carolyn Ferris, Madonna Hellman, Luella Davis, Beverly Shuemaker.

Second Row: Rose Koester, June Croy, Sue Wheeler, Peggy Ballinger, Jeanette Deadmond, Joyce Gilbert, Linda Beals, Sharon Patterson, Sharon Greeson, Evelyn Cordes, Linda Evans.

Third Row: Mr. Chappelear, Jackie Stuckey, Gene Conner, Jack Hardesty, Charles Patton, Jim Lawson, Duane Brown, George Bartlett, Donald Willenborg, Jackie Martin, Jerry Warner.

Fourth Row: Bill Moran, John Behl, Bill Wilson, Dean Miller, Larry Blake, Ted Hensley, Joe Dooley, Paul Sheehan, Larry Carruthers, John Harvey.

JUNIOR HIGH SQUAD

The Junior High squad did not have a very successful season this year. We played eight games and did not hit the victory column.

The boys played their best, but it was just not good enough to win.

Next year, with the experience that the 7th grade boys received this year, and the fact that we will be able to practice every day, there should be quite a difference in the success of our future teams.

Front Row, left to right: Charles Rentfro, Donnie Martin, Bob Figgins, Don Scoles, Dale Shaw, Bob Brick.

Back Row, left to right: Len Smith, Bruce Marshall, Paul Overmyer, Dick Drennan, Wilbert Beals.

FIRST FIVE

Front Row, left to right: Jerry Patten, Jim Lawson, Bill Wilson.

Back Row, left to right: John Behl, Duane Brown.

CHEERLEADERS

This year's Junior High cheerleaders held true to Neoga's standards and proved to have those same qualities which have always made our cheerleaders outstanding, a lot of pep, a lot of rhythm, and good sportsmanship. They really did a fine job and in the future years as cheerleaders for the senior high squads they should be able to develop these skills to a point of perfection.

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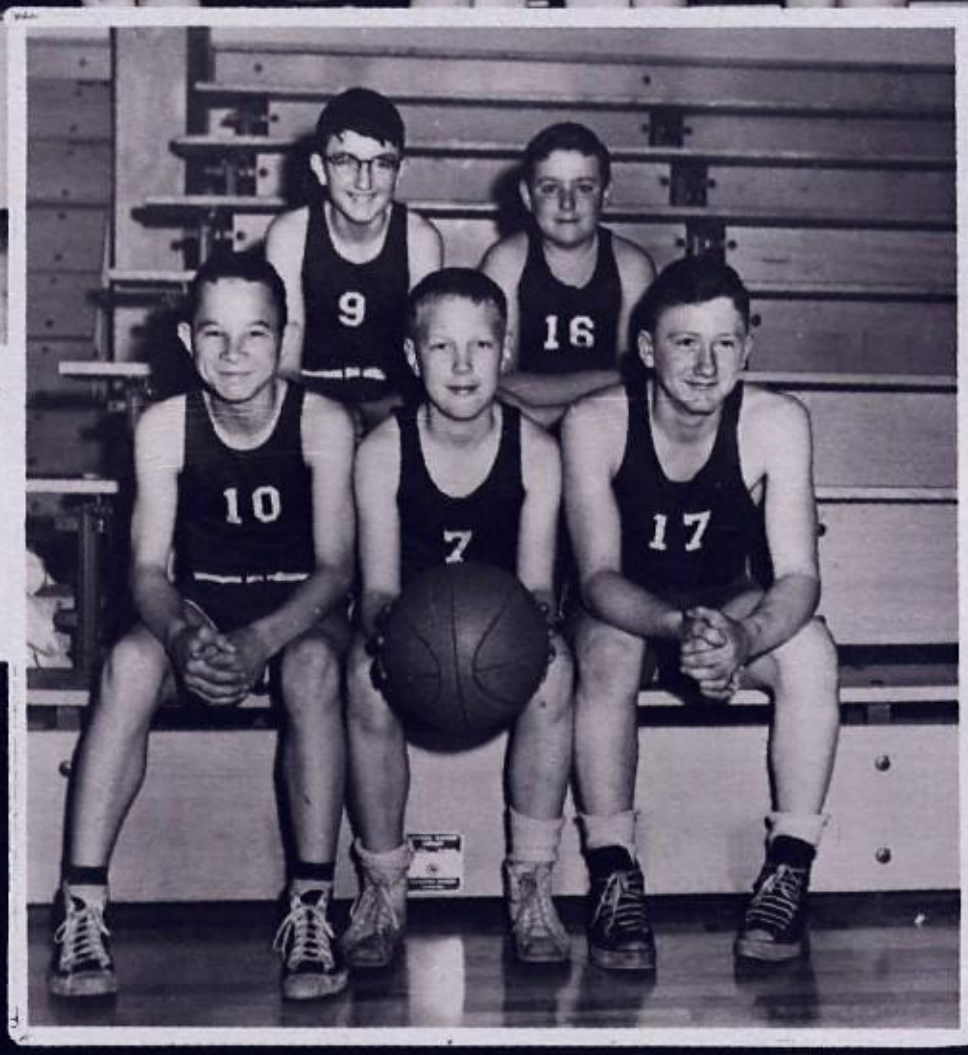
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Jokes

Mr. Voris—Johnny Lawson, who was in command of Patton's Third Army in World War II?

John L.—General Electric, wasn't it?

Sandy A. to Greek S.—I heard you pulled off something big last night.

Greek—What?

Sandy—Your shoes.

Pud S.—Say, Mr. Curl, I just ran across an old friend.

Mr. Curl—Where is he?

Pud—Lying there in the road.

Rex L., on the basketball floor—Water—water—oooooh—I want water!

Coach V.—Why don't you tap your brain.

Jane Walden—Isn't he cute? He followed me home. Mama, may I keep him?

Don Claybaugh entering Speech Class late as usual. Mr. Palmer—Well, Donald, why didn't you bring in the afternoon paper?

Men who make a million dollars in gold dust should watch out for blonde vacuum cleaners.

Larry S. to Jeanie W.—You're so dumb that you think Western Union is cowboy underwear.

Chuck S.—This is so boring that it is just like backing up into a brace and bit.

Mr. Leming—Miss Neal, do you know why the little cookie was so sad?

Miss Neal—No, why?

Mr. Leming—Because his mother has been a wafer so long.

Martha Kraft—I am so mad at Stanley! Last night I dreamed that some blonde was flirting with him, and he was purring like a kitten!

Marie C.—Oh, but it was only a dream.

Martha—Well, if he acts like that in my dreams, what in the world do you suppose he does in his?

As Clarice and Delbert sat in the darkness he broke the silence by asking, "Am I the only man you have ever kissed?"

"Yes, Deb," she cooed, "and by far the best-looking."

Sniffer—Mom, I wish you'd do my bookkeeping.

Mom—No, son; it wouldn't be right.

Sniffer—Well, you could try, couldn't you?

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"Two Negroes had looted a chicken roost. In order to have a safe place to divide their loot, they scaled the cemetery wall, in which act two black chickens escaped, which they did not stop to retrieve.

"Once inside the cemetery they got right down to the business of division of their gains, using this method: 'I'll take dis one— you take dat one,' etc.

"Two other Negroes, brothers, one badly crippled by arthritis and being pushed in a wheelbarrow by the other, came past the cemetery just at that time and stopped to rest a moment. It was then they heard the ominous voices over the wall and they decided at once it must be St. Peter and the Devil dividing the dead.

"The thief who had dropped the two black chickens then said, 'An dere's two black ones out on de sidewalk; I'll take one, you take t'other one.'

"The two brothers didn't wait to hear more. The one in the wheelbarrow who hadn't walked for a year, beat his brother home."

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Thank you very much for your kind invitation to the Junior Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance on January 21st. I am looking forward to attending it.

Yours truly,

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